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FIERCE FIGHTING ON 7TH HAWAII'S STRATEGIC VALUE

The Great Providers Have De- General Schofield Gives His clared War on High Prices.

A FIGHT TO THE FINISH INCOMPARABLEPEARLHARBOR

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The Great Providers have opened :

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They are already laying plans for the and all winter-weight good must this their departure.

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MR. MCRAE FOR CHAIRMAN

The Arkansan May Lead the Democratic Congressional Committee.

A Statement in the Star Indignantly Dented by the Senators Inrerested.

The silver men are indignant over a pub-Beation in the Star to the effect that the Semite membership of the Congressional campaign committee is packed against silver. As a matter of fact, there is not a men on that committee who did not vote for Bryan, and every one of them stands by the Chicago platform.

Mr. Gray of Delaware, who with Senator Caffery and Lindsay, repudiated that platform, was not made a member this year In his stend, Senator Rawlins of Ctab has been relected. Utab is a silver product State, and there is no doubt about the position of Mr. Enwires on this subject There is not a single element of truth upon which to have the story that has been putmericulation and it only putpose, Sens tors say, appears to be malificon inference

There is considerable goesip about the Capitol as to the possible chairman of the Congressional Committee. It is claimed timt Senator Paulimer will be re-elected. If he is he will resign, but his friends wish to show that he can be elected. The effairs of his party in his own State. To election of a legislature which will encos a Sengtor to succeed himself takes place this fail, and the election stake is to important to be neglected.

Senator Paulkner would, doubtless, is pleased with a re-election as chairman as a ""cindication," but it is known that he would not keep it.

As a probable chairman, the name of Congressman McRae of Arkansas is being discussed. Mr. McRag has a reputation for being a sistewd politician, resourceful, and untiring in insefforts. More than this he is a man who understands how to listen carefully and talk little.

In other words Mr. McRae is an adept in the art of "saying nothing and sawing The norther has not been brouched to Mr. McRae, but his friends are quetly at work in his behalf.

SET ADMITT BY HER BROTHER. Dorn Clay a Fugitive From Clell Richardson's Home.

Valley View, Ky., Jan. 15. - Cen. Car. was M. Clay's young wife found berself turned out upon the world when she awoke this horning. She was at the home of Mrs. Kelly, her sinter, whither she had fled last night from her angry heather. Cleft Richardson, who tried to kill bee

Mrs. Kelly was afraid to keep her, and asked leave. Cleft Richardson is still in a rage, and his brothers John and Will are keening out of his way. Should they mee him a tragedy is likely to occur. Dora Clay will send a message to Gen. Clay today-

TO A PULP.

An Unknown Man Jumps from a Six

teen-Story Window. Chicago, Jan. 15 .- An unknown more Jumped from the sixteenth story of the Masonic Temple, made the rotunda, today. At the third floor the body struck a beavy iten railing and bent it. The rugo struck the ground head first, and was

B. C. Jensen, proprietor of the cigni stand in the rotonda narrowly escaped, the body falling within two feet of bin The dead man was poorly dressed

RIGHT OF WAY IN THE HOUSE.

Messrs. Reed and Dingley Agree to Give It to the Appropriation Bills. An agreement has been reached by the Rouse Committee on Rules, of which Speaker Reed is chairman, and Mr. Dingley, leader on the Republican side, to give appropriation bills the right of way during the sex-Mon. The object is to get the talk before the Senate as soon as possible, in order that the session may be brought to an early end. An adjournment in May was the original plan, but the present indications that the ression will extend well into

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Views to Senator Morgan.

Shelter for a Whole First Against Hostile Guns Needs But Little to Defend-If Acquired by a Foreign Power It Might Serve as a Base of Operations Against Pacific Coast.

Senator Morgan has received from Gen. Schoffeld the following letter:

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 12, 1888, Hon. John T. Morgan, United States Senate, Washington, D. C. My Dear Senator: In compliance with the request contained in your letter of January 9, I do not hesitate to write on without reserve in respect to my lews upon the pending question of unexation of the Hawaiian Islands. From the time, twenty-five years ago.

oben I made a personal examination or the purpose of ascertaining the value of those islands to this country r military and naval purposes, I have always regarded uitimate annexation of the islands to this country as a pub-le necessity. But the time when this should be accomplished had to depend on natural political development. In the meantime our national interests about the secured by the exclusive right to occupy, improve and fortify Pearl River Harber so as to insure our possession of that harber in time of

To illustrate my views on this ubect I have likened that harbor to a commanding position in front of a de-ensive line which an army in the field compelled to occupy. The army must cupy that advanced position and hold at whatever cost or else the enemy ill occupy it with his artillery and thus deminate the main line. If ve do not occupy and fortify Pearl River Harber our enemy will occupy it as a base from which to conduct operations igninet our Pacific Coast and the Isthmean Canal, which must, of course, in due time, be constructed and controll-ed by this country. The possession of such a base at a convenient distance from our Pacific Coast would be a great emptation to an unfriendly nation to indertake hostile operations against us

One of the greatest advantages of Pearl River Harbor to us consists in the fact that no many would be required to defend it. It is a deep land-locked arm of the Sea, easily defended by fortifications placed near its mouth, with its an bornge beyond the reach of guns from the ocean. Cruisers or other warships which might be overpowered at sea, as well as merchant vessels. at sea, as well as merchant vessels, would find there, behind the land de-fenses, absolute security against a naval artack. A moderate garrison or regular troops, with the militia of the island, would give sufficient protection against any landing parties from a hos lle fleet. Of course, an army on trans-orts, supported by a powerful fleet, ould land and capture the place. But that would be an expensive operation one much less likely to be undertaken than the co-upation of an undefended harbor, as a necessary preliminary to an attack on our coast or upon ou

The value of such a place of refug-and of supplies for our merchant ma-rine and our cruisers in time of war can hardly be overestimated. Yet the harbor consists in the fact that its po-

So far as I know, the leading states en, no less than the military and na-al authorities of this country, have ways been in accord on this subject While it has not been proposed to inriers with the continued occupation by foreign nations of their military strongholds in this hemisphere, it has been publicly and emphatically de-clared that none of those strongholds should ever be allowed to pass into the ossession of any other nation who nterests might be antagonistic to ours. Now, for the first time, the occas-m has arisen to carry into effect our

ong-declared national policy. A little state like Hawaii cannot stand alone among the great nations, all of whom covet her incomparable harbors. She must have the protection of this country or of some other great nation. But a protectorate without sovereignty is the last thing this country would afford to assume.

ry would afford to assume In the absence of authority to regu-late and control the intercourse be-tween the islands and other countries, entroversies must arise which would able military possession in the is-

No half-way measures will suffice. We must accept the islands and hold and govern them, or else let some oth-

r great nation do it. To fail now to earry into effect our To my mind, what may be regarded

erhaps, as the sentimental aspect of estion, is entitled to conside

A colony of intelligent, virtuous and patriotic Americans have rescued a untry from barbarism and raised it a high state of civilization and proserity until in the natural course of vents the government of that country has failen entirely into their hands. They now ask the privilege of adding that country to their own native land; of returning with their new poss to the parental fold. Can they be turned away to seek a home among strangers? Not without violating one of the most sacred laws of nature and ncuring the penality which must sooner or later, necessarily follow. I am, dear Senator, with great respect, sincerely yours,
J. M. SCHOFIELD.

Mrs. Nack's Property to Be Sold New York, Jan. 15,-Some of Mrs. Nack's household effects that were in the possession of the district attorney ince her arrest were sent here today o be used in completing the exhibition of her flat prior to the sale of the con-tents at public auction. Mrs. Nack will probably be taken to Auburn prison

The Countroller's Statement. The Comptroller of the Currency isned a statement today showing national bank notes outstanding \$228,-237,018. The notes destroyed during the past six days amounted to \$1,940. 415. Notes issued to \$1,299,790.

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\$1 for 100 feet of N. C. kiln dried

COUNTERFEITERS IN MOBILE.

Arrests of Alleged Makers of Spu rious Silver Certificates. Mobile, Ala., Jan. 15.—The Mobile po lice have arrested two men named Frank Morse and David N. Pearce charged with circulating counterfeld money. They attempted to pass a \$10 counterfeit silver certificate last night at the store of H. Toens, who refused it and notified the chief of police.

Shortly before midnight the two men were found in a barroom. Upon being notified that the chief of police wanted to see them. Morse handed the bartender a package and whispered to him not to reveal the contents to anyone. The package contained sheets of counterfeit \$10 certificates to the amount of

The counterfeiters will be turned over to the Government authorities today. SEEK TO PREVENT A STRIKE

Joint Convention of Coal Miners and Operators.

Eastern Employers Believed Willing to Concede the Scale for Which the Men Struck Last Year.

Chicago, Jan. 15.-Nearly 600 coal niners and operators representing 200,-000 from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, will meet in joint concention in Chicago, on Monday, for the purpose of bringing about, if posible, the adoption of a wage scale and orking agreement in order to prevent general strike next summer.

The majority of the miners and oprators agree that it will be difficult if not impossible, to avoid a repetition of the troubles of last year. Both sides are quietly preparing for the struggle which seems inevitable

The coming convention may find a vay out of the difficulty, but the hances are against it. Other questions beside disputed wage scale will enter into the controversy, It is said the largest operators in the East are now will ing to concede the scale of sixty-nine cents, for which the men struck last

W. P. Rend is one of those who be leve the convention will be harmonious and there will be no strike. He predicts a general advance in wages throughout Pennsylvania, Obio, Indiana and Illinois, of twenty-five or thirty per cent. He says, if the miners of West Virginia would join the union they would not only force a large advance in wages, but also aid the miners throughout the States to secure a greater advance than they have not in prospect.

METZEROTT MAY BRING SUIT

Will Enter It Against the Post for Malicious Libel.

Takes Exception to the Statement That Good Attractions Were Not Patronized at the Columbia.

rought by former Manager Frank B Metzerott, of the Columbia Theater against The Washington Post Company for alleged malicious libel. grounds upon which the suit will be entered are now under consideration b Mr. Metzerott's lawyers, and it is stated that the petition will be ready to be filed in two or three days' time.

Mr. Metzerett, when seen regarding the matter, this afternoon, said that the statement that he intended to enter sait is correct, but that it would take several days to get the matter in prop-

er shape.

The publication which is thought by Mr. Metzerott to be of a libelous na-ture, appeared in the Post last Wednesday morning in connection with an announcement of the change recently made at the Columbia.

Mr. Metzerott said that he thought

the statements were sufficient to war-"As a matter of fact," he said, "th

Columbia has always played to good houses to all first-class attractions that have appeared here, one of the most notable instances being the engagement of Henry Miller in "Heartscase.

NO STRIKE OF SPINNERS

If New Bedford Wins Other Citie May Then Follow.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 15.-The spin ers, at a meeting last night, voted not to strike at present because of the reduction of wages. This was done on the advice of the national executive council, which wishes at present to nfine the fight against the cut to New Bedford.

Should the New Bedford operatives win, the strike will be carried into oth-er mill cities. Lowell or Fall River may next be chosen.

A CONSIDERATE PASTOR.

He Refuses an Increase of Salary Umanimously Recommended

Boston, Jan. 15.-The annual tanquet of the Brighton Congregational Congregation was held last evening in the church. The Rev. Mr. Berle, the pastor, in the cours of the evening, declined an advance of \$500 in his salary, which was unanimously rec

ommended by the finance committee. He said that he was gratified at the expression of esteem and confidence, but that existing business conditions, he thought did not warrant the increase.

Many Clerks in Danger of Removal. Communissioner of Pensions Evans is reported to have said today that if Congress cuts down the pension appropriations he will remove 100 of the flu petent and complaining clerks of the Pen-

Clearing sale of Manhattan \$1.50 and \$2 fancy Percale and Madras Shirts. for \$1.at J. AUERBACH'S, 623 Pennsylvania

\$1.50 per 100 feet for all-heart,

PARISIANS AT FEVER HEAT HAVANA FAIRLY QUIET NOW

Dreyfus Affair May Lead to Strife Two Dispatches Received From in the Streets.

Auti-Semitic Demonstration Grows Out of the Intense Excitement. Billot the Man of the Hour-Two Monster Processions Will Tra-

Paris, Jan. 15.—The Petit Temps says that the initial step in the prosecution of M. Zola will be taken immediately, M. Milliard, minister of justice, having instructed the public prosecutor to institute proceedings against him, based on complaint of General Billot, minister of war, on behalf of all the milltary officers attacked by M. Zola.

The Aurore, M. Clemenceau's paper, which published M. Zola's letter, rejoices at the prospect of prosecution, because the trial will take place in the broad daylight, of the assize court. It says: "We shall go to court less to defend ourselves than to accuse our

accusers."

The Siccle, publishes an important letter signed Judex, in which the writ-er declares that he is able to produce evidence that the court-martial which convicted Dreyfus acted on a document which was not shown to the prisone which was not shown to the prisoner or his counsel. This was illegal.

A number of literary men and barristers have started a petition for a revision of the trial. The signers include MM. Zola, Anatole France, Duclaux and Friedel.

Another debate on the subject is threatened in the chamber of Deputies. Count Du Breil de Pontbriand hardened in the government to prospend to ask the government to prospend

ends to ask the government to pros-cute all the ringleaders of the Drey-us campaign. He will decirre that if xisting law does not emble the gov rnment to take such a step the Cham-er will gladly alter the law in half an

The foregoing only testifies to the streme popular exchangest. It is said not the alarm is such that the people rebably would not oppose lists of pro-

scription. The position may be des-scription. The position may be des-scribed as a re-crudescence of Fou-langerism in a moderate form. Fortunately, General Billot is a stanch, reliable republican. If he had any ambition in the direction of a dic-tatorship this would be his golden op-portunity. An imposing unti-Dreyfus demor

stration is being organized and it will probably take place tomorrow. The leaders met privately yesterday evening to arrange the program. They de clare that the movement is only di-rected against "the maneuvers of the Dreyfus syndicate" but nolody fails to understand that it really embodies n anti-Semitic demonstration on an

nportant scale.

The chief movers claim that they are receiving thousands of letters of adhe-sion to the scheme. It is contemplated to have two monster processions, start-ing from Mont Parnasse and Mont Ma-tre respectively, and joining in the center of the city. Demonstrations will be made before the offices of the news-papers which advocate revision of the Dreyfus case. Thereafter the crowd will visit the offices of the anti-Dreyfus Journals and congratulate their di-

OFFICIAL CLASH IN ALASKA

Dominion and American Officers Disagree About Territorial Rights.

Misplaced Enthusiasm Hoists "Old Glory Alongside the Union Jack, But the Error Is Rectified.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 15,-Serious trouble is brewing on the road to the Yukon gold fields, owing to the still undetermined boundary between Alaska and British Columbia, and already there has been a clash between the representatives of the two governments

The incident was reported yesterda; to Collector Milne, in letters from F Murray, of Skaguay, to George F. Stelly, a customs employe here which the collector has forwarded to Ottawa Murray's allegation is that United States Commissioner Smith, exercising jurisdiction over the towns of Skaguay and Dyea, which give access to the passes at the kead of Lynn Canal, has also laid claim, ostensibly for his Government, to a strip of land three miles down from the head of Lake Bennett taking in McLeod's post of the north

The head of Lake Bennett is very near the boundary as defined by the United States, and this strip of land would give the United States control of the territory from the coast to the lake. Commissioner Smith has order-

with him. A party of Americans followed up the commissioner's declaration by hoisting the American flag, just below the police barracks, where the Union Jack was flying. The Canadian police immediately went down and demanded an explanation. After some parleying the flag was hauled down and an apology

Copper Mine Discovered. Randsburg, Cal., Jan. 15,-It is reported that a remarkable copper mine has been discovered near Granite Wells about twenty-six miles east. The percentage of copper in this mine is so strong that old horse shoes, wagon tires or iron hoop bands, when cast into the water of the shaft, in a comparatively short time are virtually transformed into copper. A syndicate of capitalists is now negotiating for the

Irving-Barrymore Betrothal. London, Jan. 15 .- The betrothal is an nced of Laurence Irving, son of Sir nry Irving, to Miss Ethel Barrynore, the actress.

"Barabbas" Dramatized. London, Jan. 15 .- Marie Correlli has dramatized her novel, "Barabbas," and the play will be performed in America.

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Consul General Lee.

REVISION OF THE TRIAL URGED | THE SITUATION STILL CRITICAL

The Marbleberd's Trip to Navassa Keeps It Within Calling Distance of Cubs - North Atlantic Squadron May Not Leave Hampton Roads Today Owing to Foggy Weather.

> Secretary Sherman said to The Times this morning that there was no unduexcitement in Havana. This statement was based on dispatches of Consul General Lee, one received at midnight Friday, and another a few minutes be fore noon today. It is a part of the news as demonstrating the tranquility of the Cuban city that the theater

were open last night. There is no doubt that every effort has been made to overawe the turbu-lent spirits. The captain general's Spanish reserves and the volunteers are interested in keeping down the popular feeling as a vindication of the statement that Havana, at least, had

been pacified long ago. No one doubts, however, that another match applied to the magnzine wil produce a popular explosion, which will have material results. The situation at Havana, therefore, is one that will be watched with interest and apprehension, indefinitely.

This apprehension is believed to be the prime cause of the dispatching to Key West of the North Atlantic squadron. It is true that it had been stated ome weeks ago that this squadron would go south for drilling purposes, but there is also the consideration that it is now going at a time when there may be need for it with relation to the uban war, a consideration which did ot exist actually until the breaking out of the disturbances in Havana.

The Murblehead, as stated today is The Times, left Key West yesterday of ternoon for Navassa, a three-days' trip southeast from Key West, and in the direction of Havana. There have been some labor troubles at Navassa but the last statement on that question was that the Detroit had gone to Navassa and returned after their settle ment. The movements of the Marble

head may be watched with profit. The report was that the Maine had een placed under Consul General Lee's orders, but there was a subsequent report that for prudential rea sons, if any vesel were to go to Cubo t would probably be the Marblehead.

The fleet was to have started today at 10 a. m., from Hampton Roads. Admiral Steard is there on the flagship New York. It is discretionary with him whether or not the squadron will sail on time, in view of the foggy weather along the Atlantic coast. The fog will prevent the prompt arrival of the vessels ordered to rendezvous at Hampton Roads. They will move with educed speed on account of the fog. Up to noon no advices had been receiv-

from Admiral Sicard.

AMERICA'S POWERFUL FLEET. In a Few Days It Will Be Assembled

in Cuban Waters. New York, Jan. 15.-Within days the United States will have at Key West the most powerful flest ever assembled in Southern waters. There is now quite a respectable contingent of warships in Florida waters, consistng of the battleship Maine, the cruisers Detroit and Montgomery, and a small

flotilla of torpedo boats. Today Admiral Sicard begins love southward from Hampton Roads with his flagship, the armored cruiser New York, and the first-class battle ships Indiana and Iowa. These three powerful ships will proceed to the first sea rendezvous, off Currituck, N. C. where they will remain until noon of Sunday, the 16th instant. The expectation is that the Massachusetts, a bat tleship of the first class, which sailed from New York yesterday, will join Ad-

iral Steard her Should the ship fail to arrive in time, she will proceed and join the fleet off Cape Fear, N. C., where the vessels will lay to until Tuesday evening. It is be-lieved that the second-class battleship Texas, which is still at the navy yard ere, will also join the fleet by that

The fleet consisting then of the Nev York, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts and Texas, will proceed to Dry Tortugas, near Key West, where it will be joined by the vessels now at Key West. The assembling of this great fleet is not the outcome of the riots now pre vailing in Havana, except incidentally The orders to Admiral Sicard to take his ships south was given long before any disturbance had occurred in the Cuban capital. The ships were order-ed south for "drill and evolutions." Since the outbreak of the Cuban rebelllion the warships have refrained from their customary winter cruises

in the Gulf of Mexico and naval offi-cers expected that this course would again be followed. Several weeks ago, however, orders came for the movement south. This sage to Congress in which he commit-ted the United States to active inter-ference in the Cuban war should Spain's latest conciliatory measures, including autonomy, fail. Naval men are now remarking that in view of the Havana riots, which are practically the deathknell of autonomy, the time for active interference has probably arrived. They say the Administration officials had timed to a nicety the period in which the test of autonomy would run and gave orders to the fleet accordingly. They are happy at the thought that they will, perhaps, soon

FEELING IN MADRID.

see active service.

Disappointment Expressed by Newspapers and Individuals. Madrid, Jan. 15.—The Imparcial, Heraldo and Liberal publish long dispatches from Havana. All the corres-

Weather strip, cent and a balf a

has broken out there had long been brewing. The troubles were due to the fact that Captain General Blanco failed in his attempts to induce the Cuban cabinet to take adequate steps to check the violent press attacks on ex-Captain General Weyler and his assistants.

The dispatches ascribe a similar tack of energy to the civil authorities in repressing the outbreak.

Order was restored by the sheer pluck of Generals Arolas, Gonzales, Parrado and Solano, who dashed among the rioters, upbraiding them for their want of patriotism and compelling the officers and volunteers to with-

The Madrid newspapers, with a few exceptions, condemn the lawlessness. It is stated that the officers implicat ed will be tried by court-martial and that measures will probably be submit-ted to the Cortes reforming the laws af-

the officers and volunteers to with

fecting the army Weyler's organ, the Nacional, ad vises the Havana volunteers to rebe even if the leaders of the demonstration should be shot.

STILL IN HAMPTON ROADS.

Naval Officer Says the Vessels Will Not Sail Until Tomorrow. Norfolk, Va., Jan. 15.-The warships New York, Indiana and Iowa did no sail at 8 o'clock this morning, as expected. The vessels are lying off Old Point victualling. The wharf there is full of provisions for them. An officer who came ashore this morning said the fleet would not sail until temorrow morning. The Massachusetts is expect-

GOMEZ INVITES BLANCO.

Says the Spanish General Will Be Busy If He Accepts.

Havana, Cuba, Jan. If. - The insurgents destroyed 1,000,600 tebacco plants growing under the protection of forts at Camajuani, Santa Clara Province on the night of January 5. They also destroyed 25,000 plants within sight of the forts of Sitio Grande, From Havana to Sagua la Grande not one su-

gar mill is grinding.

The estate isabel, near Media Luna, coast of Santiago de Cuba, and strongly fortified, was attacked by releas unly fortified, was attacked by rebels un-der Gen. Salvador Ries. The rebels had a fieldpiece and were doing great dam age to the buildings and forts, when Spanish column from Manzaniilo ap peared. After a brief fight the rebel streated, but were not pursued. Reports from Santiago de Cuba pro-ince state that many persons are leav

ing the towns to join the insurgents. Two fillbustering expeditions have reently landed, one near Mayari Abajand the other near Sancti Spiritus. Both were met by insurgents and escorted Inland.

The commander-in-chief of the insurgent army has ordered the court-martial or twelve alleged murders whenever captured. Among them is Domingo Roldan, a naturalized citizen of the United States.

United States. In a letter to a friend in Havana Gen Maximo Gomez says: "Let Rianco come to this district and he will have plenty to do."

ANOTHER OUTBREAK FEARED. Autonomists Apprehensive of Demopstrations Against Sener Govin. Key West, Jan. 15.—The autono

sists of Havana fear hostile demon

strations against Senor Antenio Gein, who has been appointed minister of justice for the new government. He s expected to arrive in Havana in ; few days. There is much opposition to him since he left Atlanta to join the

autonomists under the Spanish flag. It is said that some of the ships of Havana tonight. The forces of the Cataluna Battallan, near Santa Clara, had a flerce battle with the insurgents, compelling the Cubans to retreat. The Spanish loss

surgent loss is unknown.

Gen. Ocha, while conducting a large convoy from Manzanillo to Bayamo, in Santiago de Cuba province, was at-tacked by the insurgents at Rio Buey, Gen. Ocha ordered a retreat and the Spaniards fied in great disorder. The

Cubans captured the convoy.

The Spanish forces of the Mallorca
Battalion attacked a Cuban hospital near Sancti Spiritus, capturing five and two children. All were put

THINKS SPAIN INSPIRED RICT.

Secretary Quesada's Most Recem View of the Situation Secretary Quesada, of the Cuban legation, has a new view of the riots in Ha-

vana. He said today: "I believe that it is all inspired by Sp. ind is designed to let that nation out of the hole in which it finds itself by the pr of autonomy. By instigating riots it is intended to show that the islands connot be controlled with fair promises, and that the nation has done its best, with the hope that the United States will then agree

THE DAY IN THE HOUSE.

After Houtine Business the Army

Bin Was Taken Up. In the House today the Senate joint resolution directing the Geological Survey to publish 40,000 copies of a map of Alaska together with a description of the gold-bearing rock, and of the best routes for reaching the gold fields, was reported and passed.

A bill was passd at the request Judge Lanham of Texas providing for the appointment of an additional judge for the Northern district of Texas, the present judge being incapacitated from cting. The house went into Committee of the Whole to consider the army appro-priation bill. Mr. Hull of Iowa ex-

plained the provision of the bill. The principal new legislation proposed was a return to the old system of making payments to the soldiers by a paymas-Rateliffe's First Wife Sails Today. New York, Jan. 15 .- According dispatches received in this city today the English woman who professes to have been married to Edward J. Rat-

cliffe before his marriage to Miss Alice De Lacy, salled for this country today from Liverpool. She has been summoned here by the district attorney. The Temperature Today.

The temperature during the day was: 2 p. m., 44. Maximum, 48.

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THE ASTOUNDING ALLEGATIONS

War Department Makes Public the Details It Is Charged That He Defrauded the City of Savannah. A Contracting Company Also Involved in the Case.

The War Department today made public the charges against Captain Oberlin M. Carter, engineer, recently military attache to London and member of the Nicaragua Canal Commission, from both of which positions he resigned. They are much more serious that at first believed, recounting the most astounding allegations of rascality that have been brought against an Army officer in the history of the Gov-

ernment. The total alleged defalcation amounts

o over \$3,000,000. The charges allege false swearing in certain suit: faffure to account for soney, the sending of a false telegram o the Secretary of War, writing a false etter to decrive as to his whereabouts, eporting falsely as on duty, embersie-

ent, and false accounting. Capt. Gillette today continued his estimony in the court-martial processiage at Savannah. The trend of it was o show the substitution of cheaper nucterial than that for which the Government paid, added to which the workmanship was of the same indifferent style. Cross-examination failed to

break Gillette's assertions. The specifications set forth by the War Department declare among other things that the city of Savannah and contracting firm were somethed.

CHANGES AMONG CLERKS

Appointments and Promotions in the Interior Department.

The Pension, Patent, Land and Other Offices Affected by the Secretary's Action.

Official changes were announced in the Department of the Interior today as Peasion Office: Reinstarement-Danel J. Waters, of Wisconsin, copyin, \$500. Promotions: William D. Dodds, of Inllanz, and Arnold V. Graves, of North Carolina, messengers, \$840, to copylets, 1900; Howard R. Hodge, of District of Columbia, and George C. Bishop, of Maryland, assistant messengers, \$7.20,

to messengers, \$40; Arthur H. Smith

and Don E. Clarke, of District of Col-

and Bon E. Chirac, of Postract of Col-numbin, messenger boys, \$400, to assist-ant messengers, \$125. Mrs. Emma D. Adams, of Ohio, and Eden P. Clayton, of District of Columbia, co-piets, \$600, to clerks, \$1,000; Edwin E. Alger, of New York, and George F. Bassett, of 90, to \$1,400. Resignations: Miss Hutvas 12 killed and 16 wounded. The in- \$1,000; Hugh Nealy, of Kentucky, copy

Patent Office: Resignations—J. R. Andley Linke, of New York, third assistant examiner, \$1,000. Clement B. Wolfe, of Minneseta, copylet, \$720. Promotion—Winfield S. Chase, of District of Columbia, fourth assistant examiner, \$1,000 to third assistant examiner. ner \$1,260, to third assistant examiner Geological Survey: Appointments-Henry H. Twelbeck, of Maryland, man Henry H. Twelbeck, of Maryana. In printer, \$3.40 per diem; Frank 1400 printer, \$3.40 per diem; Frank 1400 printer, \$3.40 per diem; Frank 1400 printers' againstants, 50 cents per diem; Miss Belle A. Lillibridge, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Louise Park, of Michigan, stenographers, \$720.

General Land Office; Reinstatement—Wes Louis H. Mains of Rhode Island.

Mrs. Luiu H. Maine, of Rhode Island, copyist, \$960. Office of Commissioner of Railroads:

Appointments-Alton Angier, of Geor-gin, bookkeeper, \$2,600; Herman Schrei-ner, of Pennsylvania, clerk, \$1,400. Miscellaneous: Appointments-Rich-ard W. Evans and Robert M. Wright, of ard W. Evans and Robert M. Wright, of Kansas, appraisers of Fort Dedge abandoned military reservation in Kan-sas, 14 per diem; Michael J. Weigean and William H. Smith, of Oklahoma Territory, appraisers of Fort Supply abandoned military reservation in Oklahoma

homa Territory, # per diem. BURGLARS AT GREY GABLES.

Former President Clevelin . Home Ransacked From Cellar to Garret. Bazzards Bay, Jan. 15 .- Grey Gables, ex-President Cleveland's summet home, has been visited by burglars, who rensacked the house from cellar to attic, and made

good their escape without leaving the singlest ciew to their identity. When the burglary took place is quite as much a mystery as is the identity of those who were concerned in the break. Richard Wright, who has charge of the Clyveland estate, made the discovery a few days ago, and reported the fact to

liand. the disordered condition of the furnishings part of the house, and that they expected o make a rich haul of china and silver-

ware seems certain. Growth of the Gold Reserve.

The gold reserve rapidly increases,

In December, 1895, it amounted to \$155,-

000,000. Last June the amount was \$144,000,000. In November it had in-creased to \$156,000,000, and in December to \$158,090,000. The gold held in the fund yesterday amounted to \$162,-188,808. Rock Creek Bridge Bill Referred.

The bill providing for the erection of a bridge over Rock Creek on a linwith Masachusetts avenue, was today referred by the House to the Committee on Appropriations.

All beart: All beart! All heart!